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A DEAL ON 'CHANGE, BY ROBERT BARR

Begin With the Series. Every Story Is Worth Your While. No Better Reading Can Be Bought. Any Newsdealer Will Take Your Order for the SUNDAY TIMES-DISPATCH.



NEAL OGICALICOL STROTHER FAMILY. Strother in

was first cousin of 'Martha (Ashby) Meade. He was chief of cavairy under Stonewall Jackson, who said of him: "His daring was proverbial; his powers Stonewall Jackson, who said of him: "His daring was proverbial; his powers of endurance incredible; his character heroic; his sagacity intuitive in divining the purposes of the enemy." Certainly this was glory enough. Captain Richard Ashby, his brother, was equally famous. The Culpeper family of Strothers were early in the Revolutionary war. Captain Joseph Strother, son of John, marched with his company to the Albemarle barracks, 1772. William Strother and his wife, Ann, were of Orange county, 1789; he then bought lands and moved to Spotsylvania, 1781. There seems to have been also another William Strother, who was first of Culpeper county, with his wife, Mildred; afterwards moved to King George county, 1725-37, and was in Spotsylvania from 1749 to 1786. Anthony Strother was a prominent man in Spotsylvania from 1733 to 1764. At one time he was a merchant in Fredericksburg, and owned, many lots and lands in the county. He was high sheriff of King George county, 1762-63.

The most noted writer of the Strother was Powed Wings. This name, so familiar in Virginia, is from the good old Saxon word "Straather." Jeremiah Strother is supposed to have been the first to emigrate to Virginia,

which was as early as 1673; others give William Strother, of Northumberland, William Strother, of Northumberland, England, who came over in 1670 and settled in Rappahannock county. Probably they were brothers and emigrated about the same time.

The wife of Jeremiah Strother is not known. He died in 1741, leaving eight children, one of whom, Francis Strother, married Susan Dabney. They had one son, John, who married Mary Wade; they also had a sun John, who married Helen Piper. Their daughter, Lucy Strother, Piper. Their daughter, Lucy Strother, Piper. Their daughter, Lucy Strother, Discounting the warm of the family as in Northumberland, England. They are defined the property of the subject to the Civil War. He was born at Martinsburg. W. Ya., 1818. During the war he was made died in Charleston, W. Va., 1888.

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son, John, who married Mary Wade; they also had a sax John, who married Helen Piper. Their daughter, Lucy Strother, married William Ashby, of Culpeper, about 1805. From them descended the brilliant Ashby brothers, of the Confederate war. Among the children of William Ashby and Lucy Strother was Martha T. Ashby, who married Hon. Robert E. Mende, of Brunswick county. They had two children, Lucy Ashby Meade and Robert T. Meade; the former married, May 6, 1853, Captain C. T. Allen, and had six children.

The Strothers and Ashbys lived in Stafford, Faunuler, Culpeper, Spotsylvania and King William counties. John Strother was the first to settle in Culpeper. French Strother, grandsen of old Jeremiah Strother, was a member of the House of Burgesses, prior to the Revolution, for twenty-nine years in succession, and was also a member of the-Virginia Convention of 1776, which issued the first Declaration of 1776, which issued the first Declaration of Independence. He was also in the Virginia Convention of 1788, which adopted the Federal Constitution.

Colonel French Strother represented Stufford county and was called "The Fearless," He had a son named George French Strother, who was in Congress from 1817 to 1820. His son, James French Strother, was in the Virginia Legislature ten years, and was Speaker of the House of Delegates for the session of 1847-48. He was also a member of the convention of 1850, and represented his district in Congress, 1851-53, He died in 1860, in Culpeper county.

*See Hugh B. Grigsby's History of Virginia.

Mildred Strother, daughter of John and "Gules, on a bend argent, three eagles

inspinyed azure.

Crest—A greyhound sejunt, or,

Motto—Prius mori quam fallery fidene.
(Die rather than to break faith.)

This motto is the same as borne by Viscount Strathallen V. of Scotland, 1999, from whom (some say) the Strathers or Strothers were descended, but this cannot be conclusively traced.

Washington-Lewis.

Dear Sir.—I understand Augustine Washington came from Wakefield, Va. He was father of George Washington. One of my snoestors was a brother of George Washington's grandfather.

George Washington's grandfather.
Please tell me if there is any family by the name of Washington living there, or by the name of Lewis, which was the name of Betty Washington's husband; the address of one or more persons by the name of Washington or Lewis. If they are married, please state,
Yours respectfully,
W. E. S.

Mediapolis, Des Moines, Co., Ja.

Mildred Strother, daughter of John and Lucy Strother, married William Pendleton, son of John E. Pendleton, who was con-gressman and United States minister to Russia.

Mediapolis, Des Moines, Co., Ia.
Colonel Fielding Lewis, of Fredericksburg (merchant, burgess and vestryman), married in 1746 Catherine Washington, the cousin of General George Washington. Their issue was:
1st. John. born June 22, 1747; his uncle. John Lewis, and Charles Dick godfathers; Miss Mary Washington and Mrs. Lee, godmothers.
2d. Frances, born November 25, 1748. Fielding Lewis and George Washington, godfathers; Miss Hannah Washington and Mrs. Jackson, godmothers.
3d. Warner, born November 29, 1749. His uncle, Mr. Lewis, and Captain B. Seaton, godfathers; Mrs. Mildred Seaton, godmother. He died an infant, Mrs. Catherine Lewis died February, 1750, and Colonel Fielding Lewis married, second, Elizabeth (called Betty), only sister of George Washington. The issue by this marriage was:
1st. Fielding, born February 14, 1751. His uncle, George Washington, and Robert Jackson, godfathers; Mrs. Mary Washington and Mrs. Frances Thornton, godmothers.
2d. Augustine, born January 22, 1752, Uncle Charles Lewis and Charles Washington, godfathers; his aunt, Lucy Lewis, and Mrs. Mary Tallaferro, godmothers.

gressman and United States minister to Russia.

Old Colonel Francis Strother's brother. Anthony, was father of Ben Strother. A noted officer in the Virginia Navy of 1770. Ben Strother's son, John, was in the war of 1812. Another son of Colonel Francis Strother, of St. Mark's, and his wife, Susan Dabney, was William Strother, who married the widow Pannill and had a daughter. Sarah Strother, who married Colonel Richard Taylor, of the Revolution, any Army, and their son, Zachary Taylor, became President of the United States. From this celebrated Colonel Francis Strother, of old St. Mark's descended many noted men. Among them was General E. F. Gaines, General Dr H. Strother, of the United States Army; Covernor Gimer, of Georgia; Gabriel Jones, of Augusta county, Va.; John Lewis, the great Valley lawyer of 1882-07; Bishop Madison, of Kenteky, and many others.

3d. Warner, born June 24, 1755; Chas, Washington and Colonel John Thornton, godfathers; Mrs. Mildred Thornton and Mws. Mary Willis, godmothers.
4th. George, born March 14, 1757; Charles Yates and Lewis Willis, godfathers; Mrs. Mary Dick and his mother, godmothers.

godmothers.
5th. Mary, born April 22, 1759; Samuel and Lewis Washington, godfathers; Mrs. Washington and Miss Mary Thornton,

godmothers.

8th. Charles, born October 3, 1760;
Colonel George Washington and Rogor
Dixon, godfathers; Mrs. Martha Washington and Mrs. Lucy Dixon, godmothers,
7th. Samuel, born May 14, 1763; Rev.
Minngrove Dawson and Joseph Jones,
godfathers; Mrs. Dawson and Mrs. Jones,
rodmothers godmothers,

godmothers, 8th. Betty, born February 23, 1765; Rev. McKlee and Warner Washington and fathers; Mrs. Harriet Washington and Mrs. Frances Lewis, godmothers. 9th. Lawrence, born April 4, 1767; Charles Washington and Francis Thorn-ton, godfathers; Mrs. Mary Dick, god-

10th. Robert, born June 25, 1709; George Thornton and Peter Marye, godfathers; Miss Mildred Willis and Mrs. Ann Lewis,

godmothers.

11th. Howell, born December 12, 1771;
Joseph Jones and James Mercer, godfathers; Miss Mary and Miss Milly

fathers; Miss Mary and Miss Milly Was Dick, godmothers. Charles Two brothers, John and Lawrence Washington, came to Virginia about 1657. They were grandsons of Lawrence Washington, rector of Burdielgh, England. These were the English ancestry of George Washington.

Lawrence Washington, emigrant, mar ried Jane Fleming and had children of whom, John Washington, marrie-mary Townshend. One of their children one of whom, John Washington, married Mary Townshend. One of their children was John Washington, of Chatank. He married a Massey and had children, one of whom, Lawrence Washington, of Chatank, married Elizabeth Dade. One of their children was Mary T. Washington, who married Colonel Robert Sitth, of Windsor, England, from whom was William Sitth, president of William and Mary College, Virginia, 1762.

We give this in answer to the above letter, as well as to many others who have made inquiries.

E. C. M.

Early.

The following corrections and additions to the Early family, as given in issue of July 2d, are to be noted.

The parentage of General Jubal A., Early, of Confederate fame (who was named for hts grandfather, Jubal, son of Jeromiah Barly, Jr.), was the son of Colonel Joab Early and his wife, Ruth Marston, daughter of Calonel Samuel. Colonel Joab Early and his wife, Ruth Hairston, daughter of Colonel Samuel Hairston (who had been guardlan of Joab and his brother, Henry, orphan children of Jubal Early, Sr). Jeremian Early, Sr, was born 1765; married, 1728, and died 1787. He cutlived three of his sons—John, born 1729, died 1774; Joseph, born 1720, died 1775, and Jeremiah, Jr, born 1720, died 1775.

Lewis Johnson Early was born February 2, 1865, in Ohio county, Kentucky, He was first a teacher in Hawceville, Ky, and was then professor of elecution in West Kentucky College. He then became editor and proprieter of "The Telephone," at Cannelton, Indiana.

crane, will be given as soon as possible. We try to soblige our correspondents as tast as possible, but it takes time to hunt up family records, and the showship. up family records, and the search often proves very unsatisfactory to us. It is suggested that what data descendants have should be given, that we may have a basis to work upon.

E. C. M.

Editor of The Times-Dispatch; Sir_Will you please state in query col-

Rives family, as I would be glad to get some knowledge of my ancestry on that side of the house. My mother was daugh-ter of Henry Rives, of Cumberland coun-ty. You will please oblige a patron of your paper.

J. L. R.

Farmville, Va. Farmville, Va.

Yes, we have a good deal on the Fliveses of Nelson, Amherst, Albemarie and Cum-berland, and will give it soon. E. C. M.

Editor of The Times-Dispatch;
Sir. - Will you kindly give a brief sketch
of the Derfy family; also whether there
is a Professor Joseph Derry living in
Macon, Ga.? and greatly oblige a contreater. Yours trilly
"READER."

Bowyer Correction.

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In the Bowyer article of the 6th instant, which was partly furnished us by a most worthy descendant, of whose reliability we had not the least doubt and who only claimed it as being "approximately correct," liters seems to have been a few misstatchents and typing letter errors, it was a seem to the control of the c

Petersburg, Va.
We make the corrections with pleasure.
E. C. M.

Genealogical Column, Times-Dis-

Patch.
Naola, Va.
Yes,; we can give a good deal of this noted family, but the story is too long to lee told here now and must be reserved for our next.

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Mrs. B. G. P., "Virginia College," Roa-noke, Va.; The genealogy of the Foushee family has not been published. We have very little of the family. Hughes.

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Hughes.

The following is all we can gather of the Hughes family in answer to M. H. Hof Lynchburg, Va.:

When the first Hugheses landed in Virginia is not definitely known; their arms are the came as for Joshun Storos, of Henrico Conty. Va., who came from Yorkshire, England, 1789, and with which family the fine is Thomas Hughes and Mary, his wife, were living in Henrico ounty, 1742 to 1744. There was another Thomas Hughes, who married Sophia Dowdall about 1744 and lived in Spotsylvania county up to 1797, when Hugh Hughes, his son was his administrator, He also had a son, Thomas Hughes, Jr., James Hughes and William Hughes, were also his sons. The former lived in Handover county, 1796. It is believed that Thomas Hughes, Jr., went to Buckingham, and then moved to James River in Albemarie, where he died, 1779. His children were Moses, William, Mary, who married Jude, and Rebecca, married a Ball.

William Hughes was a magistrate in Albemarie, 1783, and sheriff, 1797. Ho had five children, Rebecca, Robert, Jane, married Alexander Fettyll, 1791, who had five children, Rebecca, Robert, Jane, married Alexander Fettyll, 1791, who had five children, Rebecca, Robert, Jane, married alexander Fettyll, 1791, he had five children, Rebecca, Robert, Jane, married Alexander Fettyll, 1797, the had five children, Rebecca, Robert, Jane, married Alexander Fettyll, 1791, he had five children, Rebecca, Robert, Jane, married Alexander Fettyll, 1791, he had five children, Rebecca, Robert, Jane, married Alexander Fettyll, 1791, he had five children, Rebecca, Robert, Jane, married Alexander Fettyll, 1791, he had five children, Rebecca, Robert, Jane, married Sarah, and Lettha married Fruik The Hughes was a Stephen Hughes, who married Sarah, and Lettha married Fruik Son, Edward, Barah, and Lettha married

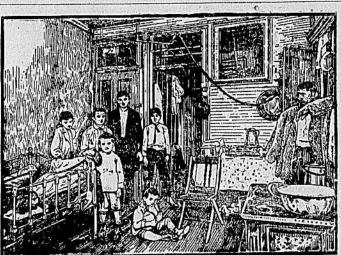
In answer to Miss M. B., of Cartersville, Va., give the following as to the Crane family: Colonel John Crane and his wife, Eliza-

HEAT'S HARVEST AMONG CHILDREN OF NEW YORK

Intense Weather, Combining With Abject Poverty and Dense Ignorance of Health Laws, Claims Many Little Victims.

NEW YORK, August 26.—This city has recently seen a slaughter of the innocents unparalleled by anything revealed in the previous reports of the health authorities. There have been times this summer when the heal has caused a mortality unknown in places which the average New Yorker tooks upon as unbearable during the heatred term. There is no record, for instance, of heat prostrations in the island of Cuba except among newly arrived visitors, but in five days in this city sixty persons were killed by the heat, and the number of prostrations which did not have a fatal result, and of which no record was kept, can only be guessed.

The majority of deaths from the heat were due to ignorance, a form nowhere brought home to the observer more sharply than in the teeming streets of



Two small rooms in a New York tenament, the home of an invalid father and

deen wilt away by the humireds in the hot months, while their parents stand helplessly by. These deaths do not come under the head of heat mortality, medical term covering any inflamma tory disorder of the digestive organs. The victims are taken to the hospita world to undo the harm wrought months of grotesque mistreatment. Scenes in Tenements

When the heat was at its worst and

when the neat was at its worst and the whole city was like a great gridiron, with the paved streets red hot bars, the district physician of the Post-Graduate Medical Schoot and Hospital, known through much of the East Side as the

the dirt and dust, visible and invisible, of the streets are rivalled in juvenile favor by penny lee-cream sandwiches made of heaven knows what. The child is not sunstruck, but what he might have withstood in cool weather and with plenty of fresh air is disastrous when the mercury is climbing steadily upward and the narrow window of a foul room opens out upon a baked expanse of stone strewn with refuse of a hundred families.

It is easy to show that the people of the slums are responsible for the suffering of the slums, but it is harder to say how they can improve conditions. The ordinary East Side apartment, reached by a staircase climbing upward through maiodorous darkness, consists through mandorous darkness, emissics of three rooms, two of which are usually little better than closets with windows opening on the hall or a narrow airshaft in the main room the occupants ent, cook and wash and here some of them sleep. The room, hot enough under any circumstances, is made more uncomfortable by the stove with the eternal pot of ten simmering on it, and a bathtub

beth, were living in Spotsylvania county in 1760. Their children were three sons and five daughters—John, James and William Harts and Sarah, married Montacai Reddi, Sarah, married Montacai Reddi, Sarah, married Montacai Reddi, Sarah, married Harry Bartiett; Rhacbe, Rachel and Frances. His son, James Crane, married Lucy Minor, daughter of Thomas Minor, of Spotsylvania, who was a Revolutionary officer, and died 1834. Him and his wife were living 1785, and gave a deed for land that year.

Colonel John Crane was a very monificant and influential man. He was ampointed cantain of horse in 1764; commissioned major October 25, 1758, and them made colone of militia April 3, 7764. In 1772, he was commissioned high sheriff of the county. It is believed that the Rev. William Carey Crane born at Richmond, Va., 1816. descended from this Colonel John Crane. He was a prominent minister in the Bantist Church; he moved carry to Texas, where he established Crane College in 1885; he was quite an author and wrote the life of General Sam. Houston.

Lord De La Marr West.

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for the children is an unknown hygienic luxury.

All through the day the women drink cup after cup of black tea, and when the man of the family is at home the the man of the family is at home the beer can takes its place upon the table. Beer is cheap—an enormous amount is put into a tin-pail for ten cents—it is cool and can aways be had at a minute's notice. Milk is neither so cool nor so cheap, and few tenement apartments are provided with refrigerators in which to keep it. So the whole family drinks the beer and is thankful for it and the bables are stricken with gastro-enteritis and will within forty-eight hours.

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When the mother is finally aroused to the scriousness of the situation, she carries her child to the hospital dispensary. Believue and the Post-Graduate are both situated in the heart of the great tenement district lying east of Third Avenue and between Fourteenth and Thirty-fourth Streets, but most of these cases come to the Post-Graduate rather than to Believue, the big municipal institution.

retical lectures—and the children carried to the dispensary are treated by the faculty of the school, partly as a work of charity among the poor and partly as a means of conveying instruction to the physicians and students who attend the clinics. In addition to these practical demonstrations of treatment of children's illnesses, which, at this season of the year especially, form such a large part of the family physician's practice, the wards are also thrown open to the students and an opportunity given them to see the actual progress of the many cases.

The hospitals of New York, bo

explicit in their insistence that the escapes shall at all times be kept clear, in the course of the night the child slipped from the mother's arms, rolled through the bars of the iron landing and fell to the ground, three stories below. In some remarkable way, instead of being crushed to death, the baby escaped with a broken thigh.

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Many are reluctant to take advantage of the medical care freely offered on all sides, but there is also a class of professional maligners against whom physicians have to be continually on their guard. A mild and after all very natural form of this imposition is a reluctance to take a convalescent child out of the hospital.

Not infrequently the parents reach the tecnicusion that the baby is well off where he is and pay no attention to the notice that he is recovered and ready to return home.

While a hospital is the best place for those seriously ill, it is not a good place for convalescent children. Of late years quite a number of institutions, half-homes and half-hospitals has been established in the vicinity of New York and these country places are utilized to their full capacity during the summer. At Sea Cliff on Long Island, for example, over-looking Hempstead Harbor and the Sound, there is a convalescent home for children. It contains thirty-five beds, twenty of which are filled by convolescents from the East Side who have been treated at the Post-Graduate. A novel institution is maintained by St. John's Guild in the shape of a floating hospital opecrated in connection with a home on dry land at New Dorp on Staten Island. One of the largest institutions of all has been established at Coney Island in the midst of all the varied attractions of Luna Park and Dreamland.

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